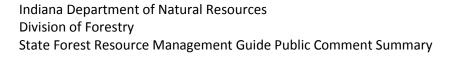
Indiana Department of Natural Resources
Division of Forestry
State Forest Resource Management Guide Public Comment Summary

Jackson Washington State Forest Compartment 7 Tract 2 30 Day Comment Period Ending: 6/11/2015 Comments Received: 2

The table below is a summary of public comments received concerning the draft Resource Management Guide (DRMG). The public comments received have been reviewed in their entirety and given due consideration summarized in the Division of Forestry response below.

Division of Forestry Response Comment Summary State Forests should be preserved from harvests as much as possible. Cites general concerns on impacts to climate change, environmental pollution, As standard practice, the Division of Forestry consults with and utilizes guidance from the US wildlife, invasive species, forest ecosystems, and aesthetics. Cites concern about management cycle length. Fish and Wildlife Service and other sources to Commenter would like more details than provided in the guide as it relates to conserve habitat and avoid take impacts to the wildlife and timber inventories and assessments. Indiana bat. Concern on potential for soil erosion and stream sedimentation and the effective Habitats, communities and wildlife species are implementation of BMPs. Cites concerns with soil types present on the tract. considered as part of the management planning process. Along with field observations, Natural Would like comment period to be longer than 30 days. heritage data has been reviewed to check for Concern RMG does not address impacts on climate change and carbon threatened or endangered bird and wildlife sequestration. Suggests DoF put in place evaluation standards to consider the species on or near the management unit. cumulative impacts of all state and federal forest management projects across The management approach encourages a diversity the state. of age classes and successional stages. Grapevine Concern there is a predominantly utilitarian (tree farm) management philosophy. control measures specifically call for retention of a Cites concerns with the pre and post-harvest stocking levels. vine component. • Concern of potential impact to endangered/threatened species, including The management guide provides an overview of Indiana bat. Recommends detailed environmental inventory of birds, wildlife and wildlife and timber resources. Further information plants be conducted/included in DMG. Concerned about a lack of legacy tree on direct and indirect impacts on species and count. habitats are found in the Indiana State Forest Discourages measures to control Wild Grapevine due to wildlife benefits **Environmental Assessment.** Concern RMG does not address impacts on climate change and carbon http://www.in.gov/dnr/forestry/files/fosequestration. Suggests DoF put in place evaluation standards to consider the StateForests EA.pdf cumulative impacts of all state and federal forest management projects across Best management practices will be implemented the state. and monitored to address the soil erosion and

sedimentation concerns. BMPs will be required of



operator and included in timber sales contracts.

DoF will respond to reported BMP departures.

BMP guidance can be found at:

http://www.in.gov/dnr/forestry/files/fo-2005

Forestry BMP Field Guide.pdf

- Assessing climate change and carbon sequestration is beyond the scope of tract level RMGs.
- The RMG uses forest terminology which integrates many considerations including biological, human utility and more. The scope of considerations are not always fully portrayed by the terminology.
- Somedeclining Tulip Poplar and other trees will not be salvaged and have or will be allowed to develop into wildlife snags where not a safety hazard. Some declining and dead trees will be left on the landscape as "Legacy trees".
- Indiana State Forests contain approximately
 1.15 billion board feet of timber. Managed
 harvest levels on State Forests are set at a level
 to insure long term sustainability. These levels
 are periodically reviewed as new inventory data
 is collected. See

http://www.in.gov/dnr/forestry/files/fo-State Forest CFI Report 2010 2014.pdf

- The 30 day public comment period will remain as standard procedure. However, if individuals have information that is pertinent and specific to the tract they can present that information at any time. (e.g. Cemetery information)
- The prescribed management activities are consistent with silvicultural principles, promotes

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	habitat diversity and supported by inventory data and field assessments. The concerns expressed have been considered and may be further addressed during plan implementation.

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